

REMARKS

The preceding amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action of April 2, 2004 on the above-identified application. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Referring to the cover page (Form PTO-326) of the action, claims 1 through 11 and 14 through 17 are pending in the application. In the action, claims 15 through 17 are indicated as being allowable. This has been noted with appreciation by the Applicants. Claims 1 through 11 and 14, however, were rejected on the basis of the prior art.

In the amendment above, the Applicants have canceled claims 1 through 11 and 14, claims 12 and 13 having been previously canceled, thereby leaving allowable claims 15 through 17 in the application. The Examiner will note that a minor, cosmetic amendment has been made to claim 15.

The early allowance of claims 15 through 17 is respectfully requested and earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,



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